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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 823

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Beall)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Evans and Liu)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Butler and Portantino)**

February 17, 2011

An act to add and repeal Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 96050) of Title 15 of the Government Code, relating to children's services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 823, as amended, Dickinson. ~~Children's Cabinet of California.~~
California Children's Coordinating Council.

Existing law, the California Early Intervention Services Act, requires the Secretary of the *California* Health and Human Services Agency and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide a statewide system of coordinated, comprehensive, family-centered, multidisciplinary, interagency programs responsible for providing appropriate early

intervention services and support to all eligible infants and toddlers and their families.

This bill ~~would~~, to the extent that sufficient federal or private funds are deposited with the state and appropriated by the Legislature, *would* establish the *California Children's Cabinet of California Coordinating Council* to serve, until January 1, 2019, as an advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration among agencies that provide services to the children and youth of the state. This bill would provide that the ~~cabinet~~ *council* shall be comprised of, among others, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, the Chief Justice of California, or his or designee, and the heads of various specified state agencies. The bill would require the ~~cabinet~~ *council* to provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature every odd-numbered year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The foundation of human development is formed during a
- 4 child's earlier years, and early childhood development requires a
- 5 comprehensive, coordinated approach to a child's care and learning.
- 6 (b) The education and development of children occur not only
- 7 in schools but also in families, neighborhoods, communities, and
- 8 our broader society.
- 9 (c) The needs of children are increasingly complex and the
- 10 networks of services available to them are managed by multiple
- 11 agencies and departments, often with differing goals and objectives.
- 12 (d) Government programs must collaboratively develop and
- 13 implement effective, efficient, and coordinated service delivery
- 14 to ensure that all of California's children have an equal opportunity
- 15 to reach their full potential.
- 16 (e) The State of California must comprehensively address the
- 17 needs of each of its children and youth and provide the
- 18 understanding, encouragement, support, services, and knowledge
- 19 necessary for each of them to master the skills and competencies
- 20 that work, life, and active citizenship require.

(f) It is critical to California's children that issues affecting their well-being be considered at the highest level of state government.

SEC. 2. Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 96050) is added to Title 15 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 2. CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S ~~CABINET OF CALIFORNIA~~
COORDINATING COUNCIL

96050. (a) The *California Children's Cabinet of California Coordinating Council* is hereby established within state government, which shall serve as an advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration among agencies that provide services to the children and youth of the state.

(b) The ~~cabinet~~ *council* shall advise and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on ways to improve the delivery of services to children and youth and their families.

(c) The ~~cabinet~~ *council* shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, who shall serve as cochairs.

(2) The Chief Justice of California, or his or her designee.

(3) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or his or her designee.

(4) The Director of Social Services.

(5) The Director of Health Care Services.

(6) The State Public Health Officer.

(7) The Director of Mental Health.

(8) The Director of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

(9) The Director of Developmental Services.

(10) The Director of Child Support Services.

(11) *The Attorney General.*

~~(11)~~

(12) Two Members of the Assembly, as appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

~~(12)~~

(13) Two members of the Senate, as appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

~~(13)~~

1 (14) Additional members that may be appointed at the will of
2 the Governor.

3 (d) Staffing of the ~~cabinet council~~ shall be a shared responsibility
4 among the cochair of the ~~cabinet council~~ to the extent federal or
5 private funds are made available for this purpose.

6 (e) (1) Upon *the* call of the cochair, the ~~cabinet council~~ shall
7 meet, ~~at a minimum~~, quarterly.

8 (2) The ~~cabinet council~~ may establish committees to further its
9 work. Committees shall consist of at least one ~~cabinet council~~
10 member and others as the ~~cabinet council~~ requires.

11 (3) Members of the committees shall receive no compensation
12 from the state for their services, except that they may be reimbursed
13 for actual travel and related expenses in accordance with state
14 policy.

15 (4) The ~~cabinet council~~ shall submit a report to the Governor
16 and the Legislature on or before October 31, of each odd-numbered
17 year, *in compliance with Section 9795, and* notwithstanding Section
18 10231.5. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to,
19 recommendations on ways to improve coordination of services to
20 children, youth, and their families, including, but not limited to,
21 all of the following:

22 (A) Developing and implementing a shared vision and a strategic
23 plan on how best to establish cross-agency coordination.

24 (B) Establishing baseline goals and benchmarks for assessing
25 the extent to which state agencies successfully strengthen their
26 cooperation and collaboration in providing services to children,
27 youth, and their families.

28 (C) Identifying and implementing evidence-based practices for
29 the effective and efficient delivery of services.

30 (D) *Consolidating and coordinating existing programs for the*
31 *purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of delivering*
32 *services to the children and the youth of this state.*

33 (f) The Bureau of State Audits may conduct a performance audit
34 of the ~~cabinet council~~ established pursuant to this chapter and
35 report its finding to the board and the Legislature on or before
36 January 1, 2018.

37 96051. (a) (1) The ~~Children's Cabinet~~ of California *Children's*
38 *Coordinating Council* shall be established pursuant to this chapter
39 only after a determination has been made by the Department of
40 Finance that federal or private funds in an amount sufficient to

1 fully support the activities of the ~~cabinet~~ *council*, including staffing
2 of the ~~cabinet~~ *council* and development and distribution of the
3 biennial report, have been deposited with the state.

4 (2) *The determination by the Department of Finance shall be*
5 *based upon an estimate from the Superintendent of Public*
6 *Instruction and the Secretary of California Health and Human*
7 *Services of resources needed to administer the council's duties*
8 *pursuant to this chapter.*

9 (b) Upon a determination by the Department of Finance that
10 there are sufficient federal or private funds to fully support the
11 activities of the ~~cabinet~~ *council* as described in subdivision (a),
12 the funds shall be made available to the ~~cabinet~~ *council* for the
13 purposes described in this chapter upon appropriation by the
14 Legislature.

15 (c) Upon making a determination that sufficient funds have been
16 deposited pursuant to this section, the Department of Finance shall
17 file a written notice to that effect with the Chief Clerk of the
18 Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate.

19 96052. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
20 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
21 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends
22 that date.